

RESOLUTION NO. 12-808

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, are apprised that Ms. Debra K. Kelley, will officially retire from U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command (AMCOM) on September 30, 2012. She will be honored at her home in Ardmore, Alabama with a Retirement Tea entitled, "A Time and A Season," October 6, 2012, at 2:00p.m.; and,

WHEREAS, Debra Kelley is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hobbs. She has five siblings: the late Mr. J.E. Hobbs, Mr. Phillip Hobbs, Ms. Pamela Hobbs, the late Mr. Terry Hobbs, and the late Mr. John Hobbs; and,

WHEREAS, Debra and her husband Kenneth have three daughters: Kadee Kelley Rodrigues and Jason, Cincinnati, Ohio, Christi Sims Green and Brian, Hazel Green, Alabama, and Emily Sims, Woodbridge, Virginia, and ten grandchildren. Ms. Kelley is a native of Huntsville, Alabama, located in Madison County. She holds graduate degrees from Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Florida and Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. She is also a graduate of the Defense Leadership Management Program; and,

WHEREAS, Debra Kelley was an outstanding government employee for 27 years and 4 months. She began her civil service career in the Worker Trainee Program in the Procurement Directorate at the Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama on May 28, 1985. After completing two years of service, she was selected for an Internship with the Army Materiel Command (AMC). She served our Military Forces in multiple levels within the Army. She served on the Army Staff and was awarded the Army Staff Badge where she was a charter member of the Sustaining Program Executive Group. She supported the Military District of Washington, Fort McNair, District of Columbia. She worked under Program Executive Offices, Aviation (AV), Intelligence, Electronics Warfare and Sensors (IEW&S), and Enterprise Information Systems (EIS). She was selected to serve as Budget Officer for the Army Materiel Command assuming duties over appropriated funding for one of the Army's major commands. Debra was selected in 2007 to serve as Budget Officer for the Aviation and Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, leading the planning, programming, and execution of billions of dollars to support Army sustainment. Ms. Kelley was given the Louis Dellamonica award for outstanding AMC personnel in 2012. She created an atmosphere in the G-8 of service to others, managing financial resources in a time of austere budgets; and,

WHEREAS, during her government service she supported professional organizations such as Federally Employed Women, serving on the board of directors and as President and Vice President of the Redstone Chapter. Debra Kelley has been a long-time member of the American Society of Military Comptroller's (ASMC) where she dedicated her time to serving on the Board of Directors, as well as President and Vice President of the Redstone Chapter. She has received many awards from ASMC for her service to the Redstone Arsenal community. Mrs. Kelley proudly served as Adjunct Professor at Athens University, Alabama, 2003 through 2005. She received many compliments from students and peers for her dedication and style of teaching; and,

WHEREAS, Debra loves her family, her home, and the farm she and her husband built together. Friends and family know she is delighted with the pleasure of having farm animals and watching the children enjoy harvesting hay, caring for the animals, collecting eggs, and enjoying the simple pleasures of peaceful country living; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Debra K. Kelley will officially retire September 30, 2012 from the United States Government as the Aviation and Missile Command Budget Officer, Resource Management (G-8). She was responsible for managing the Command's financial resources supporting Aviation and Missile sustainment requirements, and served three Commanders during her tenure with the Aviation and Missile Command. They relied heavily on her dedication and expertise. Debra was dedicated to ensuring exemplary leadership in all day-to-day decision-making and was a great team player.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, acknowledge Ms. Debra K. Kelley for her numerous years of federal government service and extend best wishes on her retirement and in all future endeavors.

ADOPTED this the 27th day of September, 2012.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the 27th day of September, 2012.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama